

**Remarks****I. Allowable Subject Matter**

At pages 4 and 6 of the Office Action, items 3 and 5, claims 18-21 and 33-38 are indicated by the Examiner as being allowed.

At page 4 of the Office Action, claims 3-7, 13, 15-17, 30, and 32 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

At page 6, claims 3-7, 14, 15-17, 30, and 32 are objected to under identical rationale.

*The Applicants believe that the Examiner did not intend to indicate that claims 13 and 14 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.*

Accordingly, the limitations of claims 2 and 3 have been included into amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-3 have been canceled. By virtue of their dependency on amended independent claim 1, the Applicants believe that claims 4-14 are now allowable.

The limitations of original claim 1 and original claim 15 have been combined into new claim 39, and original claim 15 has been canceled. The limitations of original claim 1 and original claim 16 have been combined into new claim 40, and original claim 16 has been canceled. The limitations of original claim 1 and original claim 17 have been combined into new claim 41, and original claim 17 has been canceled.

Claims 18-21 have not been amended.

Claims 22-28 are canceled.

Claim 29 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 30, and claim 30 has been canceled.

Claims 31 and 32 by virtue of their dependency on claim 29 are believed to be allowable.

Original claims 33-38 have not been amended.

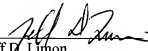
The Applicant has attempted to fully comply with the Examiner's objections. However, in the event that the Applicant has overlooked a detail, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the Applicant so that an examiner's amendment can be discussed.

**II. Additional Fees:**

It is not believed that additional fees are due at this time; however, if any additional fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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